

Sinclair Broadcasting is engaging in a particularly dangerous and probably illegal action by forcing their stations to air an anti-Kerry smear documentary days before the election. This is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. Sinclair is clearly violating this public trust by forcing affiliate stations to broadcast what amounts to a very sleazy smear campaign against John Kerry.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard.

Thank you for letting me know what action you have taken or are taking.